MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If the member wants information in respect of a particular taluk, each taluk maintains Registers showing details of these things.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): So far as the State is concerned is it not safer to have a detailed classification of the nature of the *porambokes*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is suggesting a course of action. It is also a matter of opinion.

Ottassekharamangalam-Mukundara Road.

208. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Ottassekharamangalam-Mukundara road was sanctioned;

(*b*) when the said work was commenced;

(*c*) the progress the work has made;

(*d*) whether the work is progressing, and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*e*) whether the estimates for the necessary culverts and bridges on the said trace were sent up to the Government, and, if so, when?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) No estimate has been sanctioned for the improvement of the trace except transferring it from 1103 onwards from the head of trace to the head of unmetalled roads and thereby increasing the maintenance grant to Rs. 50 a mile. The work of maintenance is being done and nothing else.

(*e*) No. The Chief Engineer has called for an estimate for constructing three culverts on the road.

Land Revenue from the Taluks in South Travancore.

209. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of land revenue collected annually from the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod, Kalkulam, Tovala and Agastisvaram, respectively; and

(*b*) the amount of tax remitted during the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103, in each of the above taluks?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement * containing the required particulars is laid on the table.

The Neendakara Bridge.

210. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether contract has been given for the construction of the Neendakara bridge, and, if so, to whom;

(*b*) whether tenders had been invited, and, if not, why; and

(*c*) whether estimates had been prepared, and, if not, why?

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* *Vide* Appendix XII—page 350.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The contract for the supply of iron materials and erection has been given to Messrs. Braithwaite and Co., Engineers Ltd., London and Calcutta; and for abutments, decking and approaches no contract has been given as yet.

(*b*) Tenders were invited for the second item and no tenders were invited for the first.

Messrs. Braithwaite and Co., are specialists in this direction and hence competitive tenders were considered unnecessary. Their quotation was obtained and scrutinised and found very favourable.

(*c*) The regular estimate is being prepared.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In answer to part (*b*) will the member kindly state whether there are not specialists other than Messrs. Braithwaite & Co.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are one of the best.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question is whether there are not other specialists?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There may be others in the world.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I ask only of companies in the world?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): For our work that company was found suitable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the amount of the contract given to Messrs. Braithwaite & Co., has been fixed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The rates have been fixed and from that the amount is workable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Am I to understand that the total amount has not been fixed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) I have not got that here. It is capable of being worked.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know the total amount.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Am I to understand from the answer to part (*c*) that no estimate was prepared before the contract was given?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate was not fully ready.

Bridge across the Neendakara Bar.

211. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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